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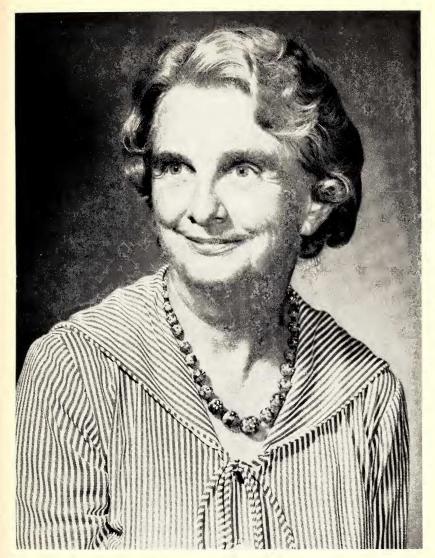
LAURA M. LORRAINE, 1904–1968

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To be a good botanical collector does not mean that one must be a professional botanist. The aesthetic enjoyment of seeing nature undisturbed and a desire to know something about the plants of meadows, streams and forests stimulated Laura Lorraine to collect flowers to satisfy this curiosity. During her college years at Stanford University, where she received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Romance Languages, she took a course on the classification of flowering plants with Dr. L. R. Abrams, a course designed for both botanical and non-botanical students. From this background of laboratory and field work, she acquired a most rewarding hobby.

Our many botanical excursions together were profitable as well as pleasant and extensive collections were added to the Dudley Herbarium at Stanford. The specimens were collected in Northern California or the Sierra Nevada. One of the pack trips in the Sierra yielded a new *Lewisia* —*Lewisia sierrae*, collected at the headwaters of the south fork of the San Joaquin.

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Laura Lorraine was born in Michigan, December 12, 1904 and died in Sebastopol, California, February 5, 1968. After receiving her master's degree in 1926, she became a teacher at the Analy High School in Sebastopol, and with the exception of a 3-year leave of absence, held that post until her death. The leave was spent in New York as Executive Director of the National Business and Professional Women. Her administrative abilities were also evidenced during her long tenure at Analy High School by her work with the California Scholarship Federation, at the state as well as local level.

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